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FOR WISNER, AF/S ONLY

1. SHOULD MRS. KISSINGER AND OTHER WIVES ACCOMPANY SECRETARY, WE WOULD LIKE OFFER OPPORTUNITY BRIEF VISIT TO ONE OF TANZANIA'S GAME PARKS WHICH ARE COUNTRY'S MAIN ATTRACTION.

2. TANGOV WILL BE INTERESTED IN FACILITATING SUCH VISIT, BUT HAS ALREADY INDICATED THAT, BEING DEFICIENT IN RESOURCES AND EFFICIENCY, AND LACKING AVAILABLE OFFICIAL LADIES OF ITS OWN, AS WELL AS EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING VIP WIVES, IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US TO ORGANIZE PROGRAM OURSELVES. EMBASSY ESCORT WOULD BE PREPARED ACCOMPANY.

3. FOLLOWING ARE MOST LIKELY PROSPECTS FOR SINGLE DAY VISIT:

A. NGORONGORO CRATER: THIS CLASSIC GAME RESERVE IS JUST ABOUT 400 MILES FROM DAR ES SALAAM AND ABOUT 100 MILES FROM KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT ARUSHA. ROAD ACCESS FROM ARUSHA IS FOUR HARD HOURS. AIRSTRIP AT NGORONGORA CAN TAKE SMALL PLANES. THIS IS NOT BEST TIME OF YEAR FOR GAME-VIEWING AT NGORONGORO. OPTIONS FOR TRAVEL ARE:

(1) SECRETARY'S PLANE TO PUT DOWN BRIEFLY AT KILIMANJARO ON WAY IN EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 14 LADIES TO STAY NIGHT IN ARUSHA, TAKE CHARTER PLANE (ARRANGED IN NAIROBI) MORNING OF 15TH, VIEW GAME AND LUNCH AT NGORONGORO, AND RETURN CHARTER TO KILIMANJARO AIRPORT FOR EA COMMERCIAL FLIGHT DEPARTING 7:15 P.M. AND ARRIVING DAR ES SALAAM 9:40 P.M, OR

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(2) SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT TAKING LADIES FROM DAR ES

SALAAM TO KILIMANJARO MORNING SEPTEMBER 15 (APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR) TO TRANSFER TO CHARTER TO AND FROM NGORONGORO (APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES EACH WAY) WITH RETURN TO DAR ON SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT LATE AFTERNOON OR EVENING SEPTEMBER 15.

B. MIKUMI: THIS IS SMALLER, LESS GEOGRAPHICALLY EXOTIC GAME PARK WITH FAIRLY CONSTANT POPULATION ALMOST ALL VARIETIES OF BIG GAME ANIMALS. IT IS ABOUT 175 MILES FROM DAR ES SALAAM, SOMETHING LESS THAN TWO HOURS FLYING EACH WAY IN SMALL AIRCRAFT. IF SATISFACTORY CHARTER COULD NOT BE ARRANGED FROM HERE, WE WOULD ATTEMPT BRING ONE DOWN FROM NAIROBI. LUNCH COULD BE HAD AT MIKUMI LODGE.

4. IF BOTH OF ABOVE GAME PARK VISITS SEEM TOO DIFFICULT, ALTERNATIVE COULD BE DAY OF INDIAN OCEAN SWIMMING, SHOPPING, SIGHTSEEING NEIGHBORHOOD OF DAR ES SALAAM, INCLUDING VISIT TO AFRICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE CARVERS, PAINTERS, WEAVERS, ETC., ARE BEING TRAINED.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF PREFERENCES ASAP.
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